

**University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire**  
**University Senate Executive Committee**

Minutes from September 3, 2019  
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Present: Robert Bell, Chip Eckardt, Elizabeth Glogowski, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Evan Weiher

Absent: Albert Colom, Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, John Haven, Patricia Kleine, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Sean McAleer, Bill Miller, Geoffrey Peterson, James Schmidt, Tom Storm

A regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 in the Council Oak Room of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the Minutes of May 7, 2019

- Approved as distributed

2) Ten Minute Open Forum

- Concern that a chair distributing information that cannot be shared
  - DPC information was distributed and shared and it should not have been
    - Clear intention to give a bad impression and a line was crossed but could not stop this behavior
    - Cannot be penalized unless a department has some rules to stop it
  - Want to see if Ethics Committee or another committee can do something to stop this behavior as the campus has nothing to address this
    - There is an expectation in a closed session meeting that things should not be shared but there is no punishment for doing so
    - Perhaps the Personnel Committee can discuss
    - Concerns on putting more stringent rules on things that can be talked about as we already have such a closed culture on sharing information
- ORSP position description
  - Suggested changes to that description were given
  - If other suggestions, please share with Chair Weiher
    - Also noticed that this position would not hold an academic home, which is different than in the past
      - Potentially lost the candor and academic connectedness
    - Why changed from an assistant vice chancellor to executive director
      - Concern then that they are not included in vice chancellor discussions
        - This person needs a voice at the administrative level
        - Is the backbone of what we do and it is being demoted
      - Also, may be that they are trying to reduce those titles
      - They always tout how many students are helped with this and now they are demoting it
        - A better title attracts a different type of people
    - This speaks to the parents too
  - An updated position description will be given to the Executive Committee in a couple of weeks
    - This position should have a direct line to the Chancellor
- Elections in Senate will not happen next week as we are missing 148 of 854 peoples vote codes
- Concern about agenda items and last-minute additions or corrections to agendas as we need time to look at it
  - We need time to prepare and see what is being given to us
  - This should be a policy
  - It was asked that Chair Weiher help in the matter when a required action is necessary that appropriate notice and information be given

- 3) Discussion of Order of Business for the 56th Session of University Senate
  - None and with no objections
- 4) Review of tentative agenda for September 10, 2019 meeting of the University Senate
  - Meeting to be cancelled
- 5) Announcements
  - Legislators wanting to implement free speech policy
    - 3 strikes
      - The penalty is more egregious than those accused of sexual assault
        - Is troublesome as there is an imbalance in policy
      - Believe that institutions do not have a choice and that it is required
  - In order to increase fees greater than 50% of students had to agree to it
    - Do not think it is going anywhere

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Submitted by,  
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